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Allyson Simmie

Allyson spent years travelling and living across Canada and in Canada's Arctic giving workshops, establishing jewellery studios, teaching and encouraging others to pursue a career in the arts.

In 2000 she moved back to Nova Scotia and began work on Seal Rock Studio. Allyson and her family currently live on Nova Scotia's scenic South Shore. She continues to work as a professional artist, exploring the theme of the Canadian and Arctic landscapes – sharing my experiences both North and South.

Artist Statement

The reward is in the act of observing. Stone colours, textures, the shape of leaves, the ebb and flow of the sea, the changing seasons - all of these things continue to inspire my work. A gesture of thanks and appreciation.

At first it was a technical challenge - to really learn to see the natural world and to develop techniques to capture a sense of it in metal. But as time has passed I am now realizing another purpose: Connection. People connecting to place, places connecting to each other and our shared connection to the world around us.

Almost 20 years ago one of my students said the following to me: "The moon casts three shadows you know." I am still thinking about it.